

Aberdeen Cycle Forum
Minutes of meeting Tuesday 20th January 2009

Present:

ML Markus Linkleman	RK Rahda Kessar	DL Dave Lindsey
LN Louise Napier	FF Fiona Fraser	NF Neil Fraser
CG Carl Gerrard	GC Gavin Clark	DC Dave Cheseldine

Apologies

GV Gerard Vlaar	LP Liz Pirrie	II Ian Inglis
MI Marjorie Inglis	DW Derek Williams	

1 Minutes / matters arising

a - Bike fit has started and is now operating out of the instant Neighbour properties, further update to follow but agreed we should publicise Aberdeen's second scheme – **ACTION CG**

Post meeting note –see:

<http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/index.php?pf=news.php&nid=74>

DL also indicated a third enterprise had started, based in Middlefield church – recycling bikes and passing on to development charities in Arfica.

b - Women on Wheels – A slow start, but meeting now arranged for next Tuesday, RK also interested in attending **ACTION : LN to forward details to RK**

c - Cycle Lanes - DC reported the new ones on Bedford road traffic islands have been “widened” to the new design, discussed and agreed we will do a quick web follow up of locals. **ACTION : ML and RK to take a photo to allow web survey to be done.**

d - Links with councillors - ML is working on this and has written to his own MSP (Lewis McDonald) seeking a meeting, further update to follow

e – Wood Group HQ. DW has written to Joanna Murray, a response is expected within 21 days.

f - LOAF (Local Outdoor Access Forum) , first meeting of 2009 is next Tuesday - update expected after this.

g – Anderson Drive (ACC trainee planners) LN thanked ACF for its contribution, Conclusion was no “single route” on Anderson drive is required, effort better spent on individual sections and surrounding roads.

h - Newsletter

Discussed and agreed we will target a spring edition in March – FF is ready to do layout etc. Following volunteered articles:

LN Women and Cycling - LN
LN Kingswells Buckdsburn Link
CG South College Street
LP New Cycle Trainers (or DW can do if he wants)
DL Westhill route Update, whats wrong with It"
DC Wide cycle lanes in Islands
DW ACF awards / BikeFit / beCyCle -
And a short placeholder for Try Cycling

ACTION : All the above to supply copy to FF by END FEBRUARY –given our past performance on this topic CG will remind people of their commitments on a WEEKLY BASIS

2 South College Street

CG reported on what was a “highly charged” meeting with the roads engineers just before Christmas. The South College street development is getting better for cyclists, however we still have significant concerns on how to get a dual use cycle section through to the QE Bridge.

LN has followed up with Joanna Murray who has instructed Tom Rogers in roads to investigate the three options during the meeting - follow up meeting in next week or so. **ACTION CG to arrange**

Post Meeting note –now 4th Feb 16:15hrs CG, II and LP will attend

3 Standards for cycle provision in the city...

Following South College Street above – there is clearly a need for some design standards that future developments can referred to. Currently there is no such document within ACC. LN has taken the lead on this within ACC. is looking for volunteers form the forum to further develop it.

Discussed and agreed this should follow from South College Street meeting where much of this is already being “done”

4 Nestrans Travel Awareness

DL reported on positive meeting with new Nestrans travel coordinator –Don Kent, a keen cyclist (yes you can put your bike in Nestrans foyer during the meeting, council please take note!). Don has budget and is looking for ways to spend it, further discussions to follow **ACTION DW** but initial thoughts included:

- Bike week sponsorship and advertising – Nestrans now has a PR agency
- Opening ceremony for Westhill route
- Bigger / Better Commuter Challenge for Bike Week

5 Cycle Safety

Deferred to next meeting due to DW’s absence .

6 ACF Awards

Returning Officer (CG) provided the results, beCycle won the awards – further details can be found on the web at :

http://www.aberdeencycleforum.org.uk/?pf=ec/081218_awards4.php

Highly commended runners up were the Council for the wide lanes through islands on the North Deeside road.

Discussed and agreed it was worth doing, but learning is run the process earlier next year – with awards before the Christmas holidays. A more efficient voting system, it was quite secure but required quite a lot of manual work, could probably be developed.

7 Lookahead 2009

A discussion session came up with the following events – dates as we know them are below, any feedback on other “cycling dates”: or completion of TBD’s please feedback to info@aberdeencycleforum.org.uk

Start Date	Event
Apr-09	Nestrans cycle week
04-Apr	Financial Year end - to spend the CWSS money
28-Apr	K-B-L to policy and strategy committee
13-Jun	Bike Week 2009 (13-21 June)
21-Jun	Highland Games / Eco-city Stall (last Sunday Bike week)
16-Sep	European Mobility Week (16-22 sep)
22-Sep	In Town without my car (last day mobility week)
29-Sep	ACF's 6th Birthday
August	Gt Inverurie Bike Ride - publicity or "Team ACF"
August	Westhill Bike Ride - publicity or "Team ACF"
October	European Road Safety Day
TBD	Tenants Forum in Music Hall
TBD	Spring Cycle Count - TBD
TBD	Autumn Cycle Count - TBD
TBD	School "Hands Up" Survey week
TBD	NHS Health promotion Day

8 - AOB

Early in January LN put 50 *getting started* leaflets in *The Point* all went in one day, perhaps new year resolutions?

CG reported after much correspondence Tesco South now had a Sheffield stand – unfortunately it has been installed “*B&Q style*” so close to the wall as to be useless. CG has pursued and will be meeting the store manager on site this week to arrange repositioning

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 24th FEBUARY 19:30hrs in the townhouse